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Dear Mr. Maxwell:

In response to requests for additional information by the Commission's letters dated December 19th, 2001 and January 10th, 2002, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee (ATLA PAC) has taken the following corrective action:

- Sent a letter (priority overnight via Fedex) to the *Diane Watson for Congress Committee* requesting an immediate refund of the inadvertent impermissible contributions made to the committee during 2001. *See attachment.*
- Sent a letter (certified receipt requested) to the *Louise Lucas for Congress Committee* requesting an immediate refund of the inadvertent impermissible contribution made to the committee during 2001. *See attachment.*
- On 1/03/02, issued a \$5,000 refund to Mr. Mark P. Robinson's credit card. Attached please find a copy of the chargeback submitted to Mr. Robinson's bank confirming the refund as well as a letter of explanation and apology to Mr. Robinson.

I trust that these corrective measures bring ATLA PAC into complete compliance with federal election law concerning these matters. We currently are working to address the technical difficulties in the electronic filing system, which we believe will address the remaining issues identified in the Commission's letters and bring ATLA PAC into full compliance prior to the deadline of January 30th, 2002.

I greatly appreciate all your time and assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the attached.

Sincerely,

Heather A. Tureen
Director, ATLA PAC
Assistant Treasurer, ATLA PAC

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Ms. Kinde Durkee
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Dear Ms. Durkee:

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee (ATLA PAC) has received written notice from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) stating that it must request refunds for several contributions made payable to the *Diane Watson for Congress Committee* in 2001.

Specifically, the contributions in question are:

1. On 4/26/2001, ATLA PAC cut a check (#3820) for \$5,000 attributed to the 2001 Special General election. Unfortunately, the funds were disbursed after the general election on 4/10/2001 and ATLA PAC inadvertently failed to indicate debt retirement on the check. As a result, this disbursement was deemed impermissible. ATLA PAC is required to request a refund of the \$5,000 contribution to the Watson campaign.
2. On 5/16/2001, ATLA PAC cut a check (#3871) for \$5,000 for the retirement of debts incurred during the 2001 Special Primary election. However, since the state of California did not hold what the law formally recognizes as a Special Primary election in 2001, this contribution was impermissible. Again, ATLA PAC is required to request a refund of the \$5,000 contribution to the Watson campaign.

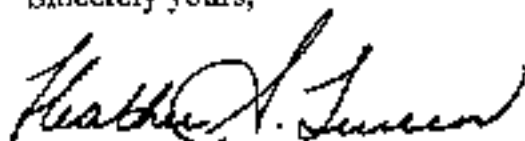
Please note that in both these cases, pursuant to 11 CFR§110.2(b), ATLA PAC is unable to redesignate these contributions since more than 60 days have elapsed since receipt of these contributions by the Watson campaign.

By way of this letter, ATLA PAC is formally requesting that the *Diane Watson for Congress Committee* issue an immediate refund, made payable to ATLA PAC, totaling \$10,000.

Please accept my sincere apologies for any inconvenience this situation may cause the Watson campaign.

Do not hesitate to contact me at 202-965-3500, ext. 428 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather A. Tureen".

Heather A. Tureen
Director, ATLA PAC
Assistant Treasurer, ATLA PAC

cc: Thomas F. Maxwell, III, Reports Analysis Division, Federal Election Commission ✓



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee (ATLA PAC) has received written notice from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) stating that it must request a refund of contributions made payable to the *Lucas for Congress Committee* in 2001.

Specifically, the contributions in question are:

1. On 5/2/01 and 5/3/01, ATLA PAC cut two checks (#3838 and #3843) for \$2,500 each, both attributed to the 2001 Special Primary election. However, since the state of Virginia did not hold what the law formally recognizes as a Special Primary election in 2001, these contributions were impermissible. ATLA PAC is required to request a refund of the two \$2,500 contributions to the Lucas campaign.

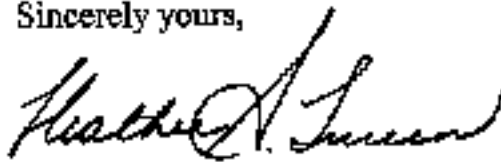
Please note that, pursuant to 11 CFR§110.2(b), ATLA PAC is unable to redesignate these contributions since more than 60 days have elapsed since receipt of these contributions by the Lucas campaign.

By way of this letter, ATLA PAC is formally requesting that the *Lucas for Congress Committee* issue an immediate refund for \$5,000 made payable to ATLA PAC.

Please accept my sincere apologies for any inconvenience this situation may cause the Lucas campaign.

Do not hesitate to contact me at 202-965-3500, ext. 428 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather A. Tureen".

Heather A. Tureen
Director, ATLA PAC
Assistant Treasurer, ATLA PAC

cc: Louise Lucas, 1501 Crystal Lake Drive, Portsmouth, VA 23701
Thomas F. Maxwell, III, Reports Analysis Division, Federal Election Commission ✓

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January 3, 2002

Mark P. Robinson, Esquire
Robinson, Calcagnie & Robinson
620 Newport Center Dr., 7th Floor
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Re: Contribution refund
Mbr.#12625CA

Dear Attorney Robinson,

Our records indicate that you have made an overpayment of your Eagle commitment. Enclosed please a copy of the chargeback submitted to your bank for the duplicate \$5000.00 payment to ATLA PAC which you made April 2001.

Please accept my personal apology for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any further questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Wilkins

cc: Heather Tureen, ATLA PAC Director ✓

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Submitter ID: 817411

Printed On: 01/03/02

By: ADMIN

Record 1 of 1

Card: 4024-4200-0134-5887

Exp: 01/03

Order: 0000000000001833

Type: Visa

TID:

Name MARK P. ROBINSON

Bill Addr:

W:

H:

Ship Addr:

W:

H:

ID Method: Mail Order

Channel: Other

Status: Refunded

Auth Code:

Auth Message: 100 - Approved

AV Response: Not Performed

Description

1. PACC #12625 04/01 REFUND 5000.00

2.

3.

4.

Subtotal: 5000.00

Merchant ID: 817999

S/H: 0.00

Trans. Type: R - Refund

Tax: 0.00

Total: 5000.00

As Of: 01/03/02

Auth Date: 01/03/02

01/03/02#1 (Processed)

Printed On: 01/03/02
By: ADMIN

	Date	Last Name	Amount	Transaction	Status
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